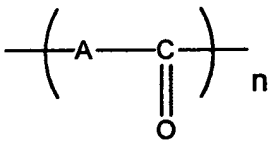
AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

1. (Previously presented) A solution of a polyketone, comprising a polyketone as a copolymer of carbon monoxide and one or more olefins, wherein 90 wt% or more of said copolymer is represented by the structural formula (1):



(1)

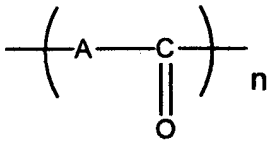
wherein A is an alkylene group and n is an integer of 1 or more and a solvent, wherein said solvent is an aqueous solution of at least one member selected from the group consisting of calcium salts, and iron salts.

2. (Previously presented) A solution according to claim 1, wherein the concentration of the calcium salt(s) and/or iron salt(s) in said solvent is 5 to 85 wt%, and the polyketone concentration is 0.005 to 70 wt%.

3. (Previously presented) A solution according to claim 1, wherein the anion portion of each of the calcium salt(s) and/or iron salt(s) is a halide.

4. (Cancelled).

5. (Currently amended) A solution of a polyketone, comprising a polyketone as an alternating copolymer of carbon monoxide and one or more olefins, wherein 90 wt% or more of said alternating copolymer is represented by the structural formula (1):



(1)

wherein A is an alkylene group and n is an integer of 1 or more and a solvent, wherein said solvent is an aqueous solution containing at least one zinc halide and at least one metal salt which is other than said zinc halide(s) and is soluble in water at 50°C in a proportion of 1 wt% or more and wherein a weight ratio of said at least one zinc halide to said at least one metal salt which is other than said zinc halide(s) and is soluble in water at 50°C in a proportion of 1 wt% or more is 98/2 to 20/80, and a concentration of the zinc halide(s) in the solvent is 20 to 70 wt%..

6. (Previously presented) A solution according to claim 5, wherein said at least one metal salt is an alkali metal halide and/or an alkaline earth metal halide, and the polyketone concentration is 0.005 to 70 wt%.

7-30. (Cancelled).